

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 84-5 Date 1780's
Building Name Hardy Tavern
Location South side of Floral Park Rd. at Piscataway Rd., Piscataway
Open to Public yes x no

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This structure is now a private residence, but for many years was operated as a tavern. The lot on which it stands was purchased by Isadore Hardy in 1786, and by 1798 the house was completed. Hardy operated a tavern on the premises, and his son William continued to operate it into the middle of the nineteenth century. It was acquired by the Brandt family just before the Civil War, and remained in their hands until 1924. In spite of this long association with the Brandt family, it has consistently been known as the "Hardy Tavern" to this day. Soon after it was sold by the Brandts, it was struck by lightning, which caused considerable damage; it has since then been restored, and the interior is completely modernized.

The Hardy Tavern is one of a few very early buildings remaining in the important colonial village of Piscataway. It is representative of the thriving commercial activity which was carried on in Piscataway in the eighteenth century.

(Priv/Occ/Res/Excellent)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G.#84-5

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Hardy Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Maryland Route 223)
South side of Floral Park Rd. at Piscataway Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

4

STATE

Md

COUNTY

P.G.

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Tercentenary Corporation (J. Yerkie) Telephone #: 292-3154

STREET & NUMBER

Floral Park Rd. at Piscataway Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 3088

Folio #: 213

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS, 1936, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

DATE

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☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1780's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. 1798 Direct Tax, Prince George's County
2. AB#4:14 (P.G. deed)
3. P.G.Co. Deeds, WAJ#2:574,648; JB#9:153; #28:239; #219:329; 505:199;

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1798 Federal Direct Tax

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl, Co-ordinator, Historic Sites Inventory

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

April 1980

STREET & NUMBER

4811 Riverdale Rd.

779-2011

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20840

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE

The Hardy Tavern

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3088:213 9 Dec 1964 Deed	Clayton Whipple to Tercentenary Corp. (John W. Yerkie), 1.24 acres
775:252 12 Mar 1945 Deed	Robert K. Peterson to Clayton Whipple, 1.24 acres, being in town of Piscataway and known as the Hardy Tavern
687:439 24 Dec 1942 Deed	H.M. Nelson to R. K. Peterson, lot in Pis- cataway known as Hardy Tavern
521:411 17 May 1939 Deed	John T. Fisher to H.M. Nelson
505:199 7 July 1938 Deed	William B. Gallahan to John T. Fisher
219:329 30 July 1924 Deed	Annie T. Brandt to William B. Gallahan
28:239 29 Jan 1906 Deed	Charles J. Bonaparte to Anna T. Brandt, Hardy Tavern in Piscataway with 1½ acres of land, as per bond of conveyance
JB#9:153 30 Sept 1899 Bond of Con- veyance	Charles J. Bonaparte to Annie T. Brandt, if A.T. Brandt pays promised money to Bona- parte within 4 years, Bonaparte will convey Hardy Tavern with 1½ acres land in Piscataway
JB#5:272 29 Sept 1899 Deed	William Reynolds, trustee to Charles J. Bonaparte, since Reynolds is trustee for mtg between Brandts and Bonaparte; brick house and 1½ acres in Piscataway known as Hardy Tavern
WAJ#2:648 25 May 1881 Mtg	Gerard W. and Annie T. Brandt (ux) mortgage to Charles J. Bonaparte the brick house "Hardy Tavern" where Brandts reside
WAJ#2:574 5 May 1881 Deed	John B. Brooke, attorney for Charles S. Ford, to Gerard Brandt, Hardy Tavern in Pis- cataway - J.B. Brooke did sell this property to Brandt 22 August 1859.

Ford equity papers missing

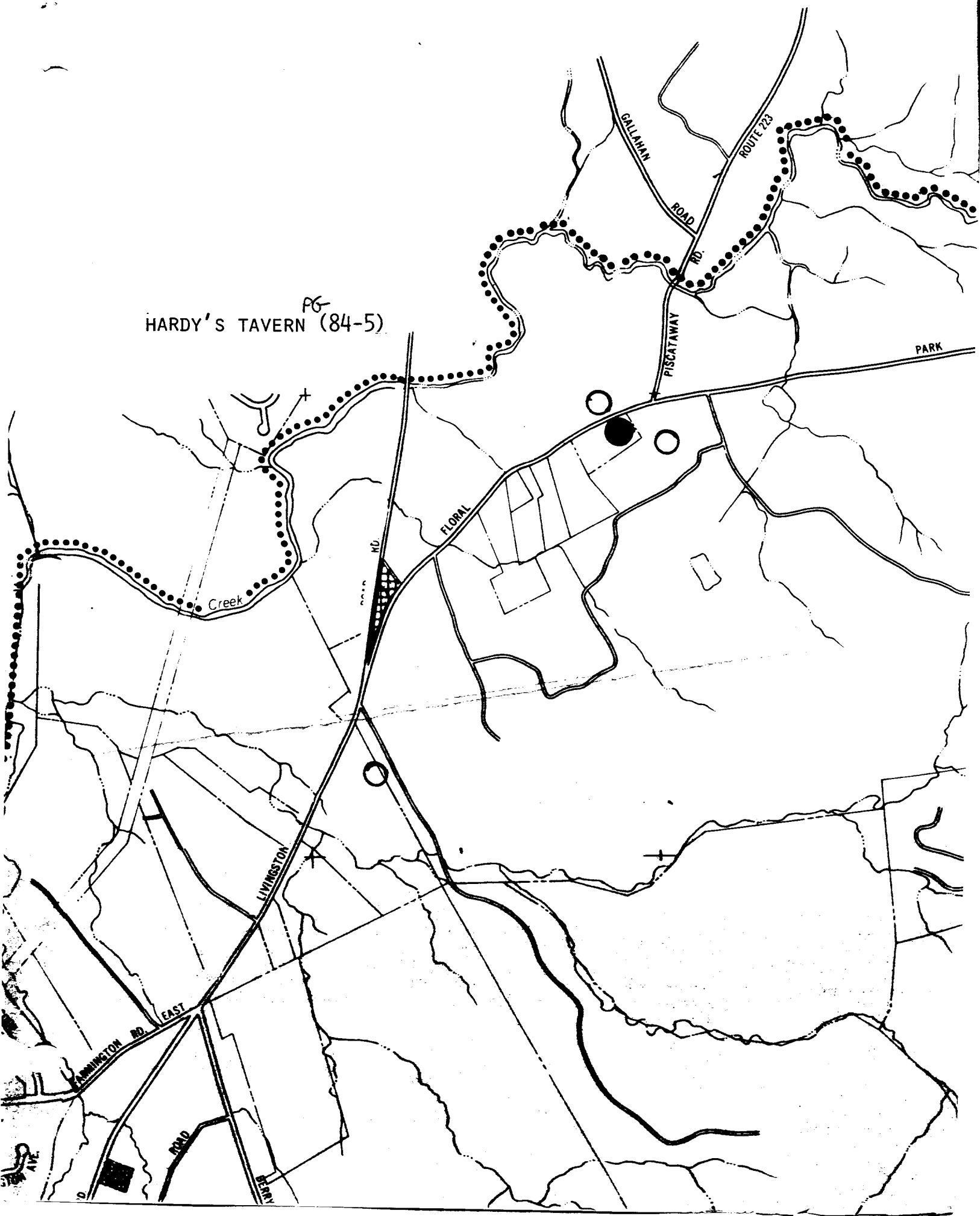
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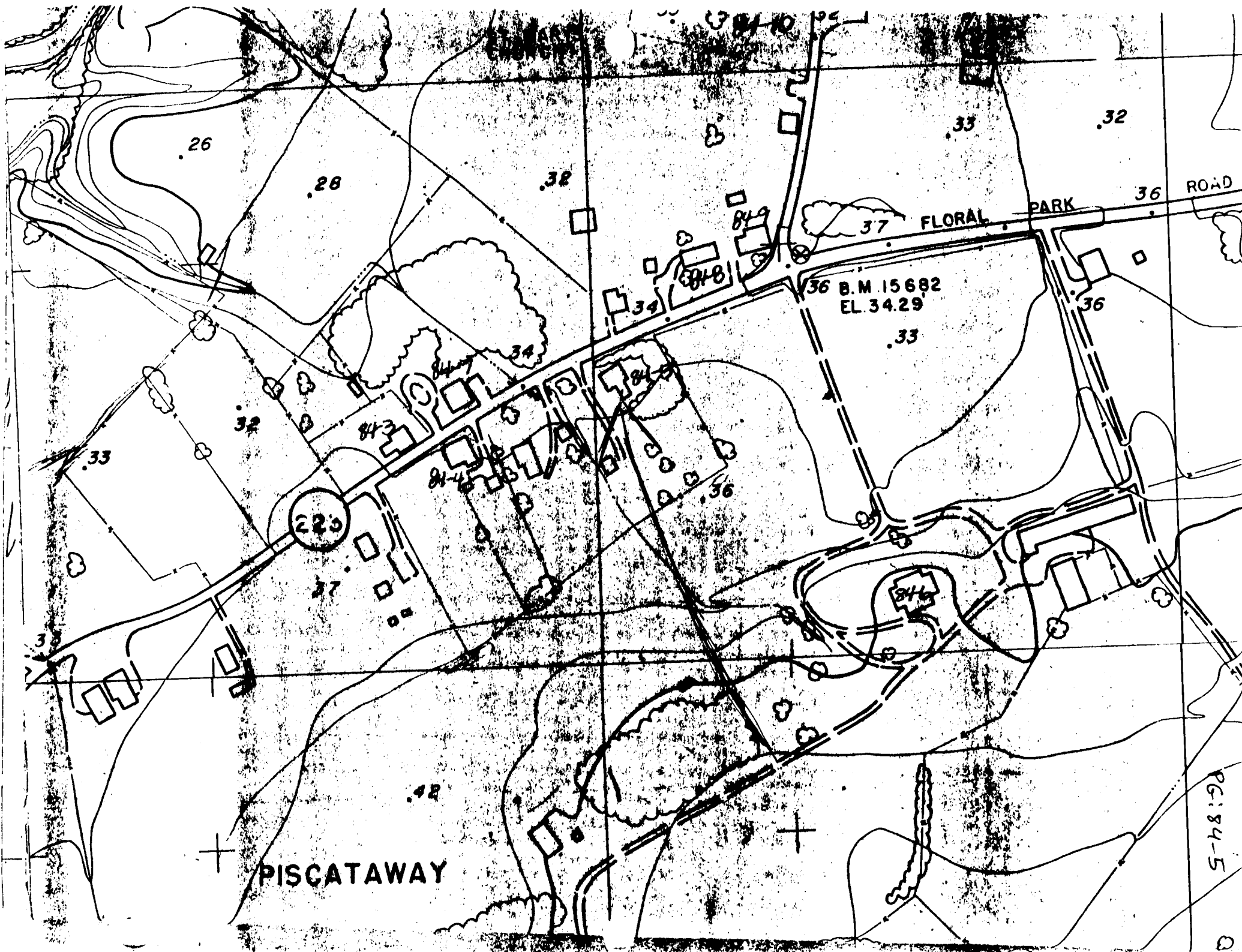
THE HARDY TAVERN PG 84-5

AB#4:14
6 Aug 1825
Deed

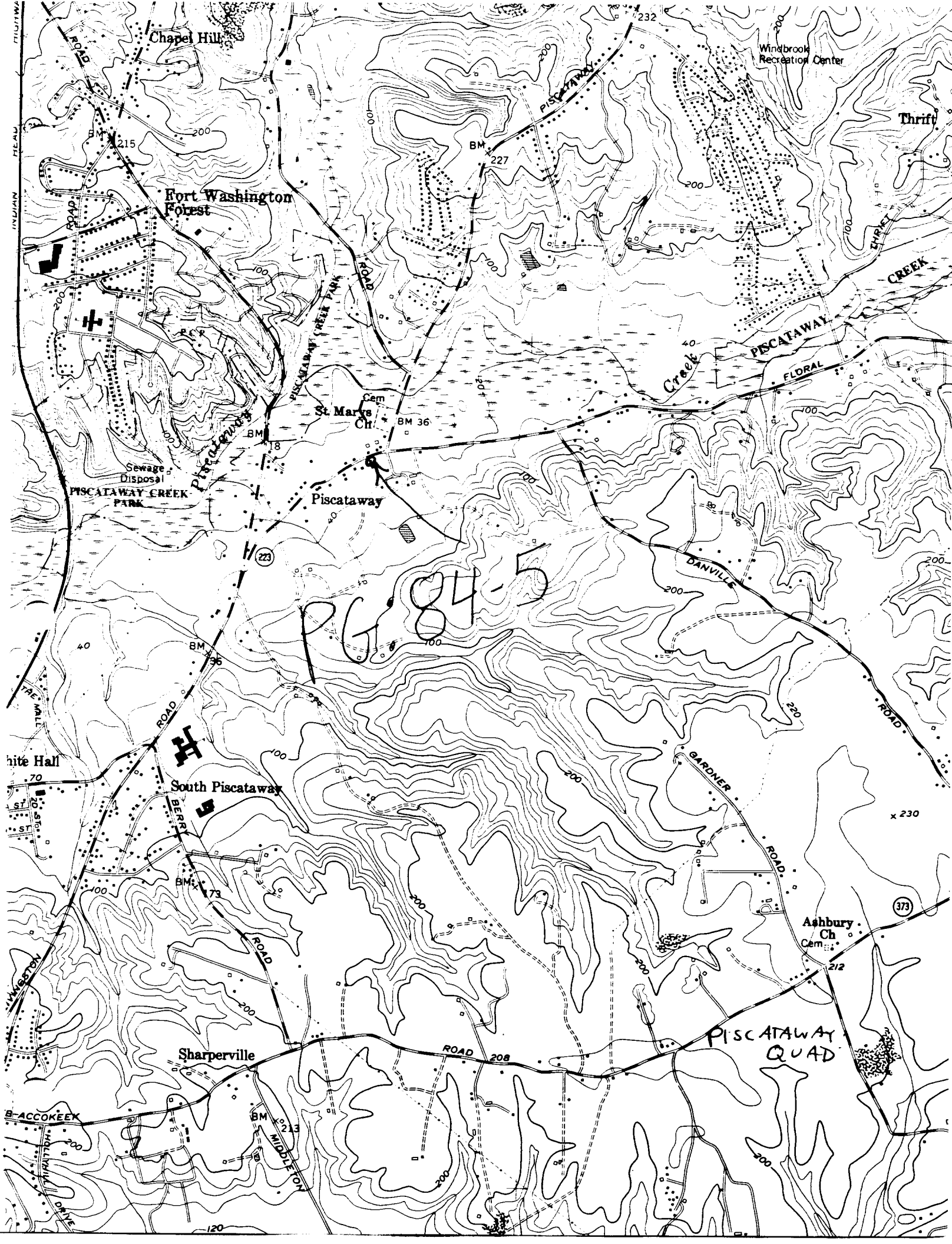
Julianna Hardey to William G. Hardey,
"the lott on which the said Julianna Hardey
now lives with all the Buildings and improve-
ments thereon it being the lot on which a
certain Isidore Hardey purchased of Dr.
James Edelen and was long occupied as a
tavern by said Hardey lying in the southeast
part of the Town of Piscataway and con-
taining 1 1/8 acres"

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HARDY'S TAVERN (84-5)





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HARDY'S TAVERN
FLORAL PARK RD.
PISCATAWAY, MD.

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